

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

## *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, Fetal alcohol spectrum disorders (FASD) is an umbrella term describing the range of effects that can occur in an individual who was exposed to alcohol before birth; with fetal alcohol syndrome being the most recognizable condition along the spectrum; and,

*Whereas*, Prenatal alcohol exposure is the leading preventable cause of birth defects and intellectual and developmental disabilities; and,

*Whereas*, The exact number of people who have FASDs is unknown, but it is estimated that up to 1 in 20 United States school children may have FASD, and about 40,000 babies are born with effects of prenatal alcohol exposure annually; and,

*Whereas*, Among pregnant women, 1 in 10 reported any alcohol use and 1 in 30 reported binge drinking in the past 30 days; and,

*Whereas*, The good health and well-being of the people of South Dakota are enhanced by the support of the national effort to educate about and prevent FASDs; and,

*Whereas*, The National Organization on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome South Dakota, based at the University of South Dakota Center for Disabilities, joined with many organizations across the state, as well as many dedicated volunteers, health care professionals, educators, and parent groups by participating in this promotion:

*Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 2017 as

## ***FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDERS AWAWARENESS MONTH***

in South Dakota.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-second Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

  
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Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

  
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Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State